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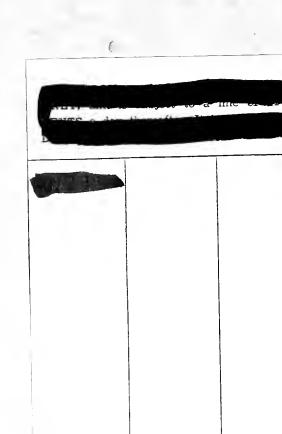


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THE DAUGHTER OF MONTEZUMA

An Opera in Three Acts

Text by
DAVID STEVENS

Music by
HENRY HADLEY

VOCAL SCORE Price, \$4.00

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AZORA

The Daughter of Montezuma

CHARACTERS

Montezuma II,—Emperor of Mexico Xalca,—A Tlascalan Prince Canek,—High Priest of the Sun Ramatzin,—General of Montezuma's Army Piqui-Chaqui (Flea-footed),—a Runner Hernando Cortés,—Conqueror of Mexico A Spanish Priest Azora,—Montezuma's Daughter Papantzin,—Sister to Montezuma

Soldiers of Cortés; Warriors of Montezuma's Army; Spanish Priests; Priests of the Sacred Fire; Montezuma's People, Slaves, Dancing Girls and Sacrificial Victims.

SCENES

Act I. A Courtyard before the House of the Eagles.

ACT II. Interior of the Temple of Totec.

Act III. The Cavern of Sacrifice.

PERIOD: 1519

Produced by Chicago Opera Association under the composer's direction DECEMBER 18th, 1917 at the Auditorium, Chicago

CAST

Azora Anna Fitziu
Papantzin
XalcaForrest Lamont
Ramatzin Arthur Middleton
CanekFrank Preisch
MontezumaJames Goddard
Piqui-Chaqui
Conductor Henry Hadley

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Azora The Daughter of Montezuma

ACT I

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SCENE: A courtyard before the House of the Eagles, in Tenochtitlan. The façade of the house is seen on the left, and has a wide entrance over which, on a colored hanging, is painted a great symbolic representation of the sun. It is shortly after day-break of the morning of a Feast of Totec. CANEK stands before the symbol of the Sun with arms outstretched.









































































(The Festal Procession appears. At its head are musicans. A company of Soldiers follow; then CANEK, in the ceremonial robes of his office; Slaves, bearing censers; finally MONTEZUMA, PAPAN and others.)































































































(The Sacrificial procession is resumed and moves slowly into the House of the Eagles, with CANEK, the PRIESTS, and incense bearers, the victims attended by the Dancing-Girls, who move in rhythm to the music. MONTEZUMA retains his seat and grimly watches the passing of the procession. PAPAN hides her face. AZORA has taken a position by the gate of the enclosure and is watching for XALCA'S departure. His trumpets are heard from time to time. RAMATZIN stands observing AZORA with sinister intentness)





































Prelude to Act II













ACT II

SCENE: Interior of the Temple of Totec. The upper side of the room is open, the ceiling supported by heavy pillars. At the right is an image of the Sun-god, in front of which, in a brazier, burns the Sacred Fire, the symbol of Nahuan existence. The apartment is reached from without by a flight of steps on the open side.



















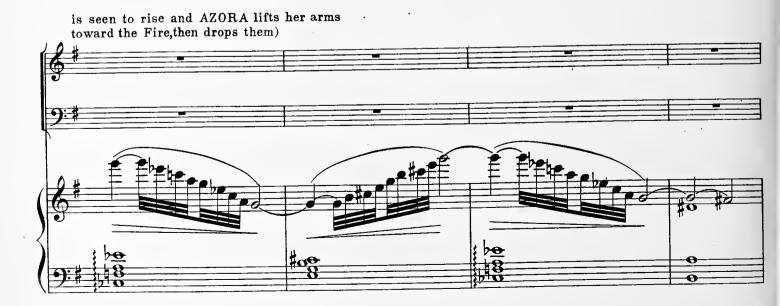




(Exit CANEK. With a smothered cry, AZORA drops on her knees before the Fire, her face buried in her hands)







115 (The PRIESTS take their departure during the following) Down from the heav'n - 1y spa - ces came the Fire, giv-en by the sun-god; In its sove-reign Down from the heav'n-ly spa - ces came the Fire, giv-en by the sun - god; In its sove-reign Gong (The PRIESTS are gone, but their voices are heard as they recede) pp lies__ the fate of Na - hua! Guard Fire! Guard heart the the Fire! #8 lies_ the Fire! heart fate ofNa - hua! Guard the Guard the Fire! Azora Their words are mocker-y, Should Xalca Flute \boldsymbol{p} $oldsymbol{p}$ Strgs.







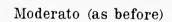








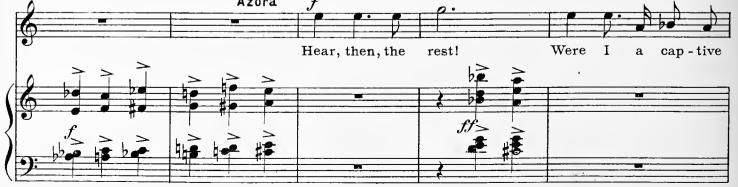






































































































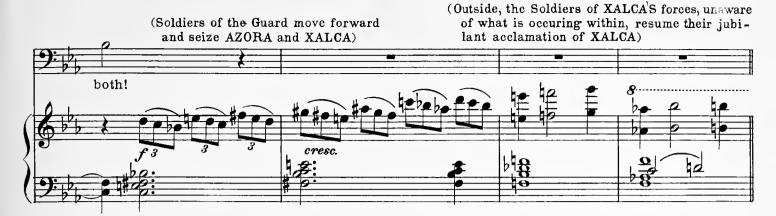












(MONTEZUMA stands with arm outstretched. Beside him is RAMATZIN regarding the prisoners with malignant triumph. XALCA has taken AZORA into his arms and both gaze defiantly at the king and Ramatzin. The Priests and People huddle in groups, overcome by the tragic significance of Montezuma's command)



Prelude to Act III













PAPANTZIN, bringing the consolation of her newly-awakened faith in the one merciful God. It is the hour immediately preceeding sunrise)







































(Music is heard, announcing the approach of MONTEZUMA. He enters with his Guard and people. He occupies a seat provided for him at the right. AZORA and XALCA have been placed under guard, but stand together)











(CANEK makes an obeisance twards the altar and by a gesture directs AZORA and XALCA to be placed thereon. This is done by the PRIESTS. The prisoners stand before the Sacrificial Stone with their faces toward the right. CANEK follows and takes from one of the PRIESTS the flint weapon used for the sacrifice. The PRIESTS close in before the Altar. The Slave places incense on the censer and a cloud ascends. CANEK raises his hand in which he holds the weapon and points to the opening in the side of the Cavern through which the sun is beginning to show)









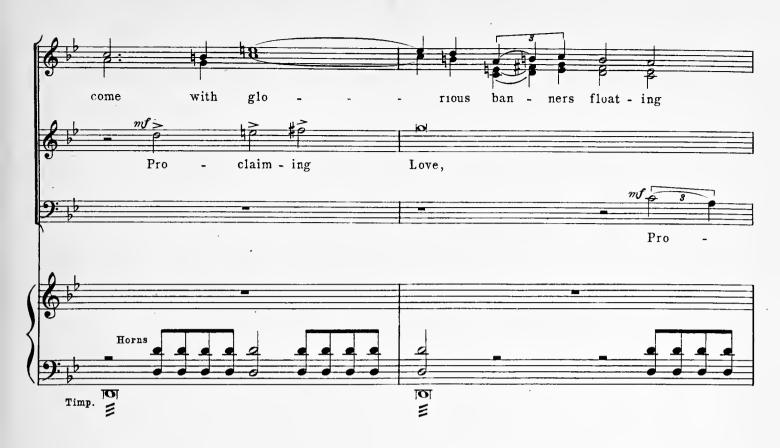


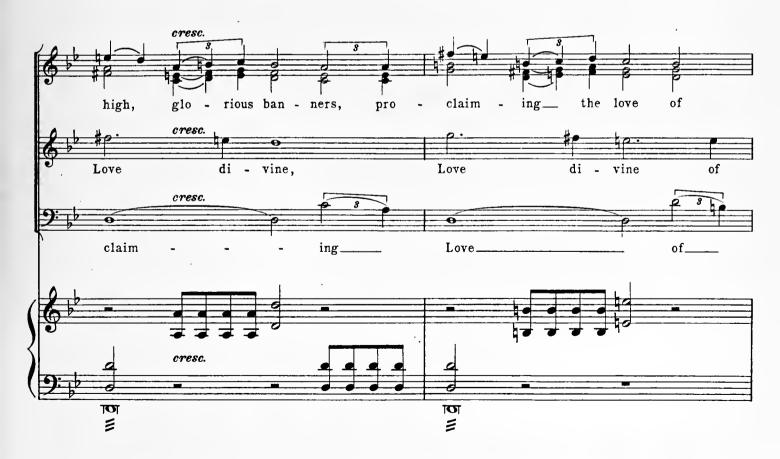


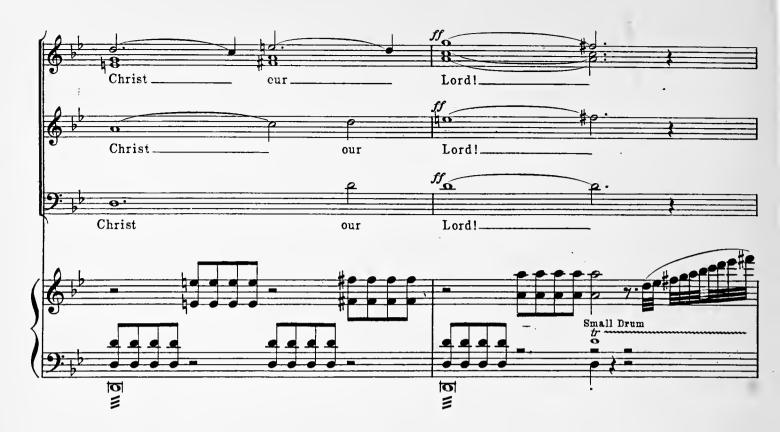


(She is clasped in XALCA'S arms and they stand awaiting their fate. The shaft of light that has been seen piercing the crevice in the Cavern wall, seems about to rest upon them, and CANEK'S arm is raised to strike. At this moment in the distance are heard the voices of the Spaniards singing the exalted theme already suggested by PAPAN. CANEK'S arm is arrested by the sound.)









CORTÉS appears at the entrance of the Cavern, mounted on a white charger, at the head of his soldiers and a body of Spanish Priests and Acolytes. One of the Priests bears a large white crucifix. The other Priests carry white banners emblazoned with the Cross.

The splendor of their warlike appearance, their arms, and the impressive bearing of the Priests the significant emblem they carry, together with the apparition of the horse, to them an unknown animal, combine to fill MONTEZUMA and his people with consternation.



The Priest who bears the Cross rapidly ascends the steps of the Altar of Sacrifice. There he elevates the sacred emblem and the shaft of light from the crevice in the wall strikes and illumines it. CANEK, with a gesture of fear and despair, drops his weapon and falls to the ground. Meanwhile the Spanish Priests are singing, as the Spanish soldiers assume control.













































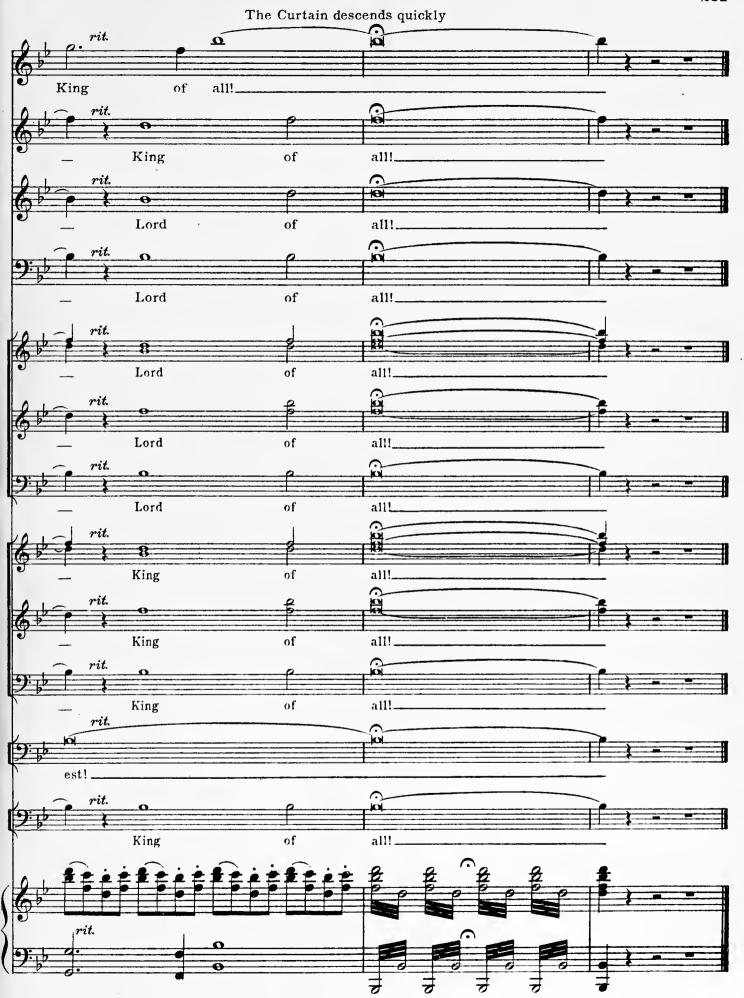












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